

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The use of chewing tobacco and snuff by young people is one of the nation's least publicized health problems; and,

WHEREAS, As a result of massive advertising, peer pressure, ineffective warning labels and the search by some for an alternative to cigarettes, thousands of young people are taking up a new habit that can lead to life threatening cancer; and,

WHEREAS, February 25, 1990, is the sixth anniversary of the death of a young athlete, Sean Marsee, of oral cancer contracted after the extensive use of snuff; and,

WHEREAS, Sean's dying wish to the young people of America was "Don't dip snuff;" and,

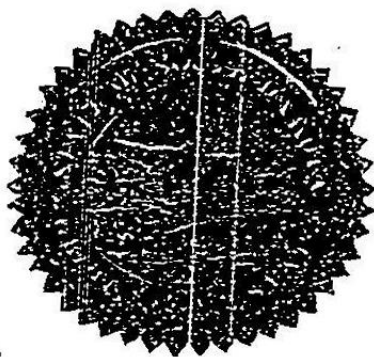
WHEREAS, The American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, Inc., is sponsoring a nationwide campaign designed to persuade young people to give up smokeless tobacco; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery and public schools throughout South Dakota will be distributing lesson plans and information to help teachers educate students about the social and health consequences of using smokeless tobacco:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 25, 1990, as

THROUGH WITH CHEW DAY

in South Dakota, and encourage all users of smokeless tobacco to take the pledge to quit the habit and live a healthy life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Sixth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Joyce Hazeltine
JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE